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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 1.53(b)

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application is a divisional application of Application No. 09/935,516 filed August 23, 2001. Please amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Amendment to the Title:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

HIGH MOLECULAR FLOCCULANT, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE A HIGHMOLECULAR WEIGHT FLOCCULANT AND WATER TREATMENT METHOD

EMPLOYING THE FLOCCULANT